

I will not take time to re-read it for

OFFICE OF

NOTES AND QUERIES

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My Dear Sir and Bro -

I came to my office this morning early for the purpose of writing you a long letter, so to cover as much ground as I can now, and will, therefore, divide this up in chapters, so to speak.

I received yours just as I was going away for a day, and when I returned I was little under the weather myself. My trip away was to Salem, Mass., and Boston to consult with some leading R. C. members

about the thought-to be
prospective creation of
a new order of thing
as to Rascism
in the U.S. I did have good
luck to find all three
in their each several
offices. 1 in Salem, and 2
in Boston. and, am well
paid for the time taken
for I have information
as to the status of things
First to some humble
time. I loan you my
History of the R.C. for
its modern re-creation in
England (I send by this
mail) you can keep it
a month or more till
you have time to read it.
Bro. W. H. Westcott is at
the head, and a reliable
man. You probably
know all this well enough

more than I do, and per-
 haps you already have the
 little history. If so you
 can return at your leisure.
 Now I fear I have been
 little premature, in at-
 tending this stage of asking
 Dr. Cymmer to ~~think~~ send
 sending ~~the~~ to you his
 circulars (I said circu-
 lars to him). But I am
 glad he sent his books,
 but let me say right-
 here, Bro Parcell, do
 not be in haste in
 going forward with him.
 I have been trying
 to draw him out - but
 I felt a reticence on
 his part in his letters
 to me. So reserved
 on our interview with

my Frater members of the
Dartmouth Boston College
first: - and so I have
delayed answering two
letters from Dr. Clynning
till this day.

Now to begin with your
letter.

I read the "Militia" book
and I confess I never
heard of the Green as
in any way of a R. C.
trigue. John Parker
does mention it.

(See "The Roseman" for
July 1907. No 3. p. 124, note)

I had not got to Gould's
History yet, but you have
now announced that to
me. I am somewhat
familiar with Oliver,

MacKay, Muckinzie, etc, etc,
but do not recall it in them.

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So my little arcane societies
do not mention it.

I am not going to mix
up with no "Militia" re-
creations. This is enough
for this matter.

Now Dr. Cyren's. Credentials
I have not obtained yet,
and he does not even
mention Lodge, Chapter,
Council, or any title in his
letters to me. I must go
slow. In fact I never
heard of Dr. Cyren till
I saw his book men-
tioned in the Metaphysical
Magazine of your city.
I think April No. which I
immediately order from
the Office of Magazine 500
6th Ann. And forward it
was all conveyed from
Dana, Randolph, Westcott,

garb, Jemmies. Mante,
etc. etc. I got his "Philosophy
of Love."

Then he sent me his
"Ancient Mystic Ceremonial Masonry"
Then "True Spiritualism"
Then "Divine Alchemy"

Now there are 7 volumes
before me. by Dr. Chyren
Drecker Count de St. Priest
of the "Initia" as Chyren, but
I do not know certain
yet. (Nous verrons.).

Now don't let a word I
say here influence you.
I am sometimes apt to
be over-optimistic in
my final impression, but
most of us can almost-
see a man's mind in
his words when he
writes, as if as Poe says, "in
his soul he did outpour."

Bro. Parrell. ^{3 1/2} I am very free
with-you for I can I
drink & dilorie you through
and through, and I know
if I could see you
a few hours. Tell you
much more than I
can ~~write~~. and cover
much more ground.

There are many who
want the R.C. Grades
in the East here, and
two in this city - but -
I have not told
them what I have
written you, and why,
because, if a new
U. S. College is to be
re-created in N.Y.C. in
the near future, these
two ~~rest~~ would not
be there. And when
such is done. We

want same men who
are men, and from a
soul and body that they
own themselves, and
we do not want too
many. There will be
no delay in receiving
members.

I know now where our
(i.e. Boston College archives
are) and when we
can get at them. I think
I can secure several
sets of the printed
pamphlets - allums, etc.)

I hope I shall not
tire you as I have
not more sheets yet
to fill. And then we
will wait awhile
for further light:-

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Now as R. C. Degrees. Rites.
The little history should be
sufficient:-

The R. C. Grades IX have
nothing whatever to do
with the 18th Degree
of A. V. A. S. R. and that
Rite has no jurisdiction
whatever over the R. C.
Grades. and each will
take care of himself.
Any bright Mason who
is up ~~to~~ in its history
knows where the A. V. A. S.
Rite got there 18th Degree.
I think every member of
the Boston College was
a 32° or 33° and such a
question was never
mentioned or discussed
at its session. All
of the Supreme Body at

Phila. in 1880 num 33^a. I think, but I believe all are now deceased but one, ~~and he says he~~ is I was about to quote from a letter to me, a few years ago. I do not think he is living.

VII Grades are given or conferred (as the case may be) the VIII Grade is conferred by a member of the Supreme Body called the High Council - Societati's Rati-
crucianæ -

Chas J. McClunahan conferred the VIII Grade on me with one other at Hotel

Pennington Boston in the Middle Eighties (my record is at home)

Bro. Parcell, I am aware that the R. C. Grades and

the 18th Degree, has been un-
discussed by some
members.

I am aware of the dis-
cussions that exist in
the upper bodies, in U. S.

I am aware how the
Chain has been tolerated, etc.
But I will not dis-
cuss these matters here.

Now, as to Ark Mariner.

My Brother Chas. C. Smith,
an Acting Officer Boston, and
resides Portsmouth, N.H.,
has been here to see me,
(and he is an anxious worker
for the R. C. Grades. but
I have not yet informed him
of these matters before res.)

It is not time yet - till
I know where I am
at with these New men.

Chas C. Smith - is very anxious
for me to go to Newbury, Me.,
in July with a few candi-
dats from Portsmouth and
around there, and take
the Ark Degree with
them. He left a petition
with me to fill out -
but I told him I won't
wait till I heard from
you, and as if I went
to your city. I did
expect to go to your city
this month, and maybe -
I may hear from a lady
who wants me to ex-
amine her deceased hus-
band's library before it
is put to the market, or
a dress with her how-
best to dispose of it.
I will send this so it will
reach you Saturday ^{this}
on your return from work.

I have just-re-read your letter, and I think I had better add a few words. The High Commune was ~~circum~~ from England in 1879-1880, and lived for some 20 years in U.S. If the U.S. R.C. are claudeship than the ~~to~~ High Commune is claudeship and all of us.

My Brother, It is not so.

But the new proposed one I am not championing yet, and I am going to try and know who is who, in a week or so, and will let you know.

There were two R.C. Societies in the U.S. before the

Chorlton one in 1840, but-
they were both self-con-
stituted and one had a
thin degree circle, but it
scarcely excluded out of
Boston, and fell into dis-
repute. I was not a
member of either and but
two or three members are
known. It was the Randolph
Creation. Randolph did go
to England in 1860 and
receive the grades or
some of them. He was a
learned man, but in no
sense a leader, and un-
reliable, and the sequel is
told. As for the Dowd
Branch. Little is known only
from his books. John Henry
of Illinois was the "Door
of the Temple". I think he
is deceased. Dowd
is living in his dotage.

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The same of the matter is
can we find sufficient
no. of R. C. in possession
of the groves, to revive
the High Curial Charter,
or get a new one.

A. revive some College
Charters, and form a
new High Curial, and
go on. I wish it
could be done.

As I recall matters Nov.
2 or many proceeded as
follows - Baltimore,
New York, Burlington,
Philadelphia, Boston,
I think there were two
others ~~to~~ around their
Charters, and held only
one meeting.
I have some data and
some is verbal.

There. I have run in twice
as much as I intended
but I felt - as if I would
take time one day this
winter before you
and let us ~~any~~ ^{be} ~~be~~ ^{be} the
situation.

I don't want to make
any false steps. The
U.S. is a grand field
and should be cul-
tivated..

I am not a candidate for
any office whatum, nor
want any. I would hope
move on.

Well. I will try and see
you sometime

Believe me
Yours fraternally
S.C. Gould

I sent the 6 Nos. thus far some
Let the N+2 go till I see you I am

Still back in the